IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

First Inventor:

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For: METHOD FOR BINDING A OUIRE AND DEVICE APPLIED

THEREBY

Stefaan Penne

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 26, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 26, 2009 in the above application wherein claims 1-6 and 8-15 are finally rejected. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith, effectively removing the finality of the rejection of the claims.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

A petition and/or appropriate fee to extend the period of reply by one month are concurrently filed herewith.